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SUBJ: SIT- IN ON PANAM AIRCRAFT

REF: NEW DELHI 7381

1. PAN AMERICAN 747 AIRCRAFT WAS CLEARED OF UGANDAI SIT- IN
OCCUPANTS AT ABOUT 8:00 PM LOCAL TIME BY POLICE ACTION. CON-

SIDERABLE FORCE WAS REQUIRED TO EJECT SOME UGANDANS, WHILE OTHERS
DEPARTED PEACEFULLY. NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, WERE SUSTAINED;
AND AIRCRAFT WAS NOT DAMAGED.

2. INDIAN DECISION TO EJECT UGANDANS CAME AFTER DAY OF
APPROACHES BY EMBASSY TO GOI OFFICIALS AND DISCUSSIONS
AT AIRPORT WHERE GOI AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HAD GATHERED
TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. EMBOFF REMAINED ON SCENE WITH PANAM
REPRESENTATIVES FROM MORNING UNTIL AIRCRAFT CLEARED.

BY LATE AFTERNOON IT APPEARED THAT GOI WAS MOVING
TOWARD A STRATEGY OF ATTEMPTING TO WAIT OUT THE SITTERS- IN.
AT THAT POINT CHARGE TELEPHONED ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY

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WHO CALLED BACK LATER TO SAY THAT FORCIBLE EJECTION WOULD BE
CARRIED OUT. AT ABOUT THIS TIME, DELIBERATIONS AT AIRPORT
TURNED SHARPLY, AND ULTIMATUM WAS ISSUED TO UGANDANS TO DISEMBARK
BY 7:15 OR BE EJECTED.

3. GOI AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO DELIVER UGANDANS TO
TRANSIT LOUNGE FROM PLANE, AND APPARENTLY PLANS TO CHARGE
SOME OR ALL WITH TRESPASSING. PANAM HAS SCHEDULED 10:30 PM
DEPARTURE, A DELAY OF ABOUT 18 HOURS FOR PAA-1.
SCHNEIDER.

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